

PROCLAMATION GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) DAY NOVEMBER 18, 2009

WHEREAS, Geographic Information System (GIS) Day is recognized during Geography Awareness Week as an important part of geography awareness and literacy in our schools; and

WHEREAS, an understanding of geographic concepts is essential for the wise stewardship of North Dakota's natural resources, the continuation of economic growth and the general health and well-being of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans know the value of using new technologies to enhance and strengthen our businesses, industries, communities and educational system; and

WHEREAS, the management, use and exchange of geographic information are essential for effective decision making by private industry and government organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 18, 2009, GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) DAY in the state of North Dakota.

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